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SUBJECT: COMMERCE DEPARTMENT RELEASE EXACERBATES US-ARGENTINE
DIPLOMATIC PROBLEM

REF: BA 5721

1. WEEKEND MEDIA CONTINUED USE RECENT COMMERCE DEPARTMENT
STATEMENT AS ADDED PRETEXT FOR DECLARING CHARGE PERSONA
NON GRATA. WHILE MISSION AND DEPARTMENT MOVED TO DAMPEN
FLARING SENTIMENTS, COMMERCE TEXT WAS PLAYED AS PALPABLE EVI-
DENCE UNITED STATES PERPETRATES INTERVENTIONIST POLICY.

2. FRIDAY:

3. AFTERNOONERS LA RAZON AND CRONICA BOTH PLAYED STORY PROMINENTLY.

4. FORMER FRONT PAGED EPISODE WITH THIRTY COLUMN INCHES OF
COPY UNDER BANNER HEAD ANNOUNCING SENATE VOTE AND SUB-HEAD
CALLING COMMERCE MATERIAL "VIRTUAL THREAT TO ARGENTINA."

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5. LATTER GAVE FULL PAGE TO "YANKEE CONTRADICTION" INSISTING IN 60 POINT TYPE "WHILE STATE DEPARTMENT LAMENTS, COMMERCE THREATENS." STORY SAYS COMMERCE POSITION "UNHEARD OF AND UNACCEPTABLE."

6. AS ANTICIPATED REFTTEL, STATEMENT ALSO USED DURING CHANNEL NINE SPECIAL PANEL SHOW WHEN SEVERAL PARTICIPANTS CITED IT DURING HOUR AND FORTY MINUTE DISCUSSION.

7. SATURDAY:

8. LEFTIST LA POINION ASSERTED "U.S. TWENTY YEARS BEHIND TIMES IN LATIN AMERICAN RELATIONS" AND MAKING "MULTIPLE THREATS." AS SUPPORTIVE EVIDENCE PAPER POINTS TO: "BOYCOTT ORGANIZED BY COMMERCE DEPARTMENT ORDERING CORPORATE AND FINANCIAL ENTITIES NOT INVEST IN ARGENTINA."

9. MAYORIA, PRINCIPAL ORGAN TRADITIONALIST FACTION JUSTICIAL-ISTA PARTY, DEVOTED BACK COVER OF TABLOID FORMAT TO STORY AND SAID "OFFICIAL VERBIAGE FROM COMMERCE IS COVERUP TO SUSPEND U.S. INVESTMENT OR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IF PENDING ARGENTINE LEGISLATION ENACTED." FOLLOWED WITH HUFFY EDITORIAL OBSERVATION SUCH COMPROMISING ASSISTANCE UNWANTED ANYWAY. NEXT TO COMMERCE STORY WAS BOX WITH PHOTO RESUSCITATING BRADEN-PERON CLASH.

10. COMMENT: EMBASSY REITERATES THAT ALMOST ANY OFFICIAL OR EVEN QUASI-OFFICIAL STATEMENT EMANATING FROM WASHINGTON THESE DAYS IS POTENTIALLY CONTROVERSIAL TO AN EXTENT WELL BEYOND CONTENT OR INTENTION AND SHOULD BE CLEARED THROUGH STATE.
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